

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing Claims 1 – 5 and explaining the basis for doing so. Cancellation of Claims 6 – 8 removes any basis for rejecting any claims or objection to any portion of the Specification.

This response is filed within the shortened statutory period. No added fees are due as the number and type of claims do not increase. With no further barrier to doing so, Applicants respectfully ask the Office to issue a Notice of Allowance for pending Claims 1 – 5 at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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